IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Berka et al.

Serial No.: To be assigned Group Art Unit: To be assigned

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For: Methods For Monitoring Multiple Gene Expression

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6-10, 14-18, 21-25, 29-33, 35-39, 43-61, 63, and 66-89 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 34 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-33" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 40 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-39" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 41-61" and insert --claim 41--.